

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Dave Walker on receiving the 2010 Howard Schmertz Lifetime Achievement Award from the U.S. Track Meet Directors Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those venerable coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable coach is East Tennessee State University head track and field coach, Dave Walker, who recently won the 2010 Howard Schmertz Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, presented by the U.S. Track Meet Directors Association, this prestigious honor is only bestowed upon the most elite track meet directors in the country who have made extraordinary contributions to the sport of track and field, both on the national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, as part of this honor, Coach Walker was also inducted into the U.S. Track Meet Directors Hall of Fame, having established himself as a preeminent figure in his field; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who is admired and revered by many, Dave Walker has masterfully directed the Niswonger Invitational for the past thirty-two years, bringing numerous Olympians and National Champions to Johnson City to the annual meet; and

WHEREAS, throughout his legendary career, Coach Walker has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his athletes to reach their fullest potential, as he exemplifies the unquestionable character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Dave Walker has carried out his coaching duties with the utmost diligence and character, earning the love, admiration, and respect of his current and former athletes, colleagues, and the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is proud to pause in its deliberations to recognize this exceptional gentleman and his extraordinary accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize legendary East Tennessee State University track and field coach Dave Walker upon receiving the 2010 Howard Schmertz Lifetime Achievement Award and being inducted into the U.S. Track Meet Directors Hall of Fame, applaud him for his vaunted level of success and his dedication to excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.